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Applicant: Pontbriand
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Title: PLASTIC POWDER FILLED EPOXY PAINT FOR TUBING

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002. Claims 21-38 remain in this application. New claims 21-28 have been added and claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-20 have been cancelled.

IN THE CLAIMS:

21. (NEW) A method of coating a metal tubing comprising the steps of:

- (1) applying a substrate to said metal tubing;
- (2) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of said substrate; and
- (2) curing said coating on said metal tubing.

22. (NEW) The method as set forth in Claim 21, wherein said coating is applied to said tubing in a paint bath.

23. (NEW) The method as recited in Claim 21, wherein said plastic particles are nylon.

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